

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday April 12, 2012, at the Town Hall.

Present: James C. Merrick, Supervisor; Bill Carman, Deputy Supervisor; John Driscoll, Craig Phelps, James Love, Councilman

Absent: Greg Adamson, Highway Superintendent

Other Attendees: none

Supervisor handed out the monthly financial reports.

Supervisor called the meeting to order @ 7:59 p.m.

A motion by Councilman Carman and seconded by Councilman Love the audited bills to be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 78-109 for \$10,435.86; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 57-84 for \$22,467.23; Cemetery Fund voucher number 3-4 for \$436.40; Fire & Ambulance Fund voucher number 1 for \$84,721.91. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilman Driscoll and seconded by Councilman Love to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 8, 2012 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Carman to accept the monthly financial reports as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

- 1) Liv. Co. Board of Supervisors minutes
- 2) County Youth Teen Recognition Program -Jack McCauley from Groveland
- 3) BAN – Conesus Lake Water was renewed for \$554,100 @ 2.45% per annum
- 4) April 17th @ 7:00 p.m. is the next 200th Anniversary meeting
- 5) April 26th NYSDEC performs annual inspection of the Conesus Lake Outlet
- 6) Town Clerk office will be closed April 23-25 to attend conference with Deputy Clerk
- 7) Town Clerk has been awarded \$400 scholarship for conference

Old/New Business:

HIGHWAY REPORT – Greg traveled to the Federal Surplus location to check out a bulldozer that quickly appeared on the list and would be off the list within 2 days. He did call and say it was not worthy of purchasing.

HALLY ALLEN POST 1341 AMERICAN LEGION – DONATION REQUEST - we have received a letter requesting an annual donation that helps go towards US grave flag markers honoring US Veterans; in the past we have donated \$100. A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll to make a \$100 donation to the Legion. Motion carried unanimously.

GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT - Town Clerk provided copies of the report to take home for review and can do a resolution to accept at next months meeting. Bonnie Macaluso stopped by to introduce herself and meet all the board members; she is the newly elected treasurer for the department.

TAX COLLECTION CLOSING REPORT – Sandra Bean reported she has balanced and closed out with the County Treasurer’s office with 45 unpaid accounts, which is close to last years unpaid. She reported that we again utilized the county’s free web based tax program which had many improvements from last year. This year still had a few glitches especially with listing overpayments; which she feels confident that they are willing to make the improvements by next tax collection period.

COMMITTEE FOR HYDROFRACKING – Supervisor Merrick discussed a resolution done by the county to request NYS to establish full funding and memorandum of understanding for county health department, law enforcement and emergency medical activities associated with gas well drilling in NYS. Town Clerk will make copies and hand out.

Deputy Supervisor Carman reported he and his committee met April 3rd with Suny Geneseo Environmental Geology Professor Richard Young. This presentation displayed what Professor Young feels are even more faults to Hydrofracking than what is in the NYSDEC SEQRA report, some of the committee members argued some of his points. The committee also met on April 10th to discuss a timeline for a recommendation. There is a scheduled bus tour organized through Mark Schuster to view a Hydrofracking site on April 26th of which 5 of 7 committee members will be attending. There is discussion of possibly 2 more specialists before a recommendation to the town board. Carman stated that in all his research thus far the people are either pro Hydrofracking or extremely anti Hydrofracking; there is no neutral person.

Communications:

Supervisor Merrick reported he is 99.9% sure the county will be awarded through the state a \$7 million water project to serve the Groveland Correctional Facility. He worked with Senator Cathy Young in length with this project and would be a huge break for many of our residents once approved. The plan is to have the 12 inch water line come up Maple Beach Road to the 4 corners down Groveland Hill Road, down Lattimer Road across to Pioneer Road to the Correctional Facility. It will not be mandatory for anyone to hook up and will not form a water district, but anyone that opts to hook up would pay a debt service which would be credited to the correctional facility.

Supervisor Merrick asked Sandy to give an update on the 200th anniversary celebration project: basically the cookbook project is well under way collecting recipes, still deciding what historical information will be included in the cookbook. We are hoping the cookbook will be sent in for printing by the end of May to allow the printing company 2 months; our hopes is to have the cookbook for holiday purchasing. We meet again on Tuesday to get closer on finalizing the events for next year; we have estimated a need of \$17,000 to fund all the areas that are in the plans, which include \$8,000 for a fireworks show. I had Mr. Merrick contact Joe Bucci and inquire if they would be able to sponsor us and he has verbally indicated the Salt Mine will be a major supporter in our celebration which could require lower funding needs. The pieces are slowly coming together, but our hopes are to finalize things by the end of November to have a brochure that says “Save the Date” to insert in the December out going tax bills.

Councilman Phelps reported he attended last nights Lake Association meeting as not much was going on, but he was asked if the town made any decisions on the Hydrofracking which they were told not yet. He learned that Don Westor did vote against doing a moratorium.

Town Clerk reported that Tuesday April 24th is a Presidential Primary and both polling places will be open all day.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Carman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 p.m. The next meeting will be the regular meeting on Thursday May 10, 2012 at the town hall.

Dated April 13, 2012
Town of Groveland

Sandra L. Bean, Town Clerk